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CHARLES TARTSAH, KIOWA-APACHE  
TRANSCRIPT OF TAPE MADE 5-10-67  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: STORY OF HOW CHARLES'S GRANDMOTHER (ALTAIDL) GOT LOST  
AND WAS FOUND: STORY OF CHARLES'S GRANDFATHER, OLD MAN  
PALLIE, A COMANCHE CAPTIVE.

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

ALTAIDL'S STORY: EARLY KIOWA HISTORY  
HOW ALTAIDL GOT LOST  
ALTAIDL'S PARENTS SEEK HELP FROM THE SPIRIT OF A DEAD MAN  
ALTAIDL IS FOUND AND CURED OF HER MADNESS  
MEDICINE LODGE TREATY AND SETTLEMENT IN OKLAHOMA  
OLD MAN PALLIE, COMANCHE CAPTIVE  
OLD MAN PALLIE TAKES A SECOND WIFE  
ALLOTMENT IN SEVERALTY  
OLD MAN PALLIE MOVES HIS SECOND WIFE  
OLD MAN PALLIE GIVES A FEAST FOR THE ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL  
LIFE HISTORY MATERIAL AND TRIBAL AFFILIATION  
HOW OLD MAN PALLIE WAS CAPTURED AND ADOPTED BY COMANCHES  
KIOWA-APACHES  
OLD MAN CHIBATOH

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Charles Tartsah is a moderately acculturated Kiowa, though he is enrolled as a Kiowa-Apache, his father's tribe. Charles is around 65 years old. Charles was raised around his mother's parents. His mother's father was Old Man Pallie, a Spanish boy captured by the Comanches and later traded to the Kiowas. His mother's mother was Kiowa, and told him the story here related. Charles attended the St. Patrick's Mission School, just west of Anadarko.

(This interview took place in the work shed right next to Charlie Palmer's Hog Creek Curio Store, about 7 or 8 miles west of Anadarko, next to the Hog Creek Bridge. Charlie Palmer and Charles Tartsah are half-brothers having the same mother. Lincoln Tartsah, Charles' son, is present, and occasionally takes part in the interview. His comments are enclosed in parentheses with his name. Charles Palmer and Abel Bigbow were also present at times, and occasionally comment something in Kiowa.)